Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Government is spending money on something over which it has no control?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Government have control.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is the Executive Engineer of the Public Health Department of Madras in Cochin now?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Whenever there is necessity he will be here. Now there is an Assistant who looks after it.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is he a servant of the Cochin Government?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* He is paid by the Government and supervised by the other officer.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Madras Government is rendering an honorary service to this Government in this matter?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes. But we may give some honorarium to the Engineer.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Mattancheri is rendering an honorary service to the Madras Government by this question?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to send the extract of the proceedings of this question to the Government of Madras?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am really rendering a service to the Cochin State. Because if you are going to cast aspersions on the persons who are doing honorary works for us nobody will be prepared to do it in future.

UNCOUPONED BURMA RUBBER—RESTRICTION OF IMPORT

259. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any action is being taken by the Government of India in the matter of the import of uncouponed Burma Rubber into India in pursuance to our representations to that effect;

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(*b*) what quantity of uncouponed Burma Rubber has been imported into India in the years 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939 ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*)

1936	..	2375	tons.
1937	..	3065	,,
1938	..	2122	,,
1939 January to October		2118	,,

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken in the matter ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We are sparing no pains. Whenever there is an opportunity we are pressing the Government of India. In fact the Government is more vehement in this matter than the hon'ble member.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* What I want to know is what action has been taken by the Government of India.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That we do not know, unless they communicate to us.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* An agreement has been actually arrived at between the Government of India and Burma Government with respect to this matter. It may take some more time to come into effect. They are satisfied with their quota.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Can we hope that uncouponed rubber will not be imported from Burma any more ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We can hope for the best.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I do not know whether the Hon'ble Secretary has understood me correctly. There is in fact an agreement between these two Governments which agreement has to be suspended.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That is what is being done. It is not a new agreement.

SILVER JUBILEE SCHEME—ASSIGNMENT OF HOUSE-SITES—COMPLETION OF

260. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the assignment of house-sites to 1,000 persons

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